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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, whose approval we seek above the hollow applause of humanity, may the deliberations of this historic Chamber start and end with You. Provide the foundation for the thoughts, words, and actions of our Senators, as they remember that You are the author and finisher of their faith. Make our lawmakers conscious of the great tradition on which they stand, as You fill them with the spirit of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and reverence. May the tyranny of partisanship and expediency never bend their consciences to low aims which betray high principles.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 22, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, following leader remarks, if any, the Senate will proceed to S. Res. 591, which is a resolution recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act. There will be 2 hours for debate. It will be divided equally between Senators HARKIN and ENZI or their designees. Upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.J. Res. 83, which is a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act. There will then be up to 20 minutes for debate equally divided between Senators BAUCUS and MCCONNELL or their designees.

Upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate will proceed to vote on the resolutions. The first vote will be on the Burma joint resolution, and the next vote will be on the Americans with disabilities resolution. We hope these votes will begin at around 12 o'clock today, maybe a little sooner.

Following the votes, the Senate will resume consideration of the small business jobs bill. As a reminder, last night I filed three cloture motions relative to the small business jobs bill. I hope we can reach an agreement to have these votes today. If no agreement is

reached, we would have the first cloture vote tomorrow morning.

Senators will be notified when any additional votes, other than those I have mentioned, will be brought up.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3628

Mr. REID. Madam President, S. 3628 is at the desk and due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3628) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit foreign influence in Federal elections, to prohibit government contractors from making expenditures with respect to such elections, and to establish additional disclosure requirements with respect to spending in such elections, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I object to any further proceeding with respect to this bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. REID. Madam President, will the Chair now announce the business for the day.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ENACTMENT OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 591, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

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